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President's Message...

I wish to thank George Kolbe for his fine work in getting out two issues of *The Asylum* so quickly. It is up to the rest of us to make George's job easier by submitting articles.

We will have a table at this year's A. N. A. convention in Denver. It will be in the Club Kiosk area, table number 1047. I hope all members attending will give us a hand at manning the table.

The Numismatic Literature Symposium will be held on Thurday, August 15th, at 8 P.M. I will be speaking on the topic: Numismatic Myths and the Literature That Created Them or Put an End to Them.

The annual meeting of NBS will take place at 10:30 A.M. on Friday and at that time the Armand Champa and Aaron Feldman awards will be presented. I hope as many of you as possible will attend.

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Developing Commentary and Observations on Differences between American and English Foreign Exchange Broadsides having no Date or Place of Issue Eric P. Newman

Editor's Note:

You are invited to participate in a numismatic whodunit. Recently, Eric Newman sent copies of the two late eighteenth century broadsides reproduced elsewhere in this issue, accompanied by the following note: "Here is a real puzzle. I located the British broadside after getting the American one...Now you can give me clues to dating each."

It has been decided to make this a contest open to all NBS members. The best two responses will each receive a personally inscribed copy of a numismatic book written by Mr. Newman.

Please send your response to Broadside Contest Committee (BCC), care of the Editor. The best two answers will be published in a future issue of *The Asylum*. The contest deadline is November 1st, 1996.

As a starting point, Eric Newman's preliminary observations follow:

Special Characteristics of AMERICAN Broadside

55 horizontal compartments

AMERICA is first in title and EUROPE is second

AMERICA compartments are placed at top

UNITED STATES is used under the AMERICA section indicating preparation of broadside after 1776

Explanation as to "real and imaginary monies" is copied from the British broadside

Special Characteristics of BRITISH Broadside

56 horizontal compartments (Text says there are 60)

EUROPE is first in title and AMERICA is last

"AMERICA" compartments are placed at bottom

CONTINENT is used under the AMERICA section with NEW ENGLAND and VIRGINIA included as English, indicating preparation of the broadside before 1776

Special Characteristics of AMERICAN Broadside (continued)

FEDERAL MONEY used indicating preparation of broadside after 1792

NOVA SCOTIA, CANADA, FLORIDA & CAYENE are no longer needed

FORT WILLIAM is substituted for CALCUTTA even though FORT WILLIAM was destroyed in 1757, then moved and rebuilt in another CALCUTTA location

INDIA substituted for MOGOL

NUREMBERG & DETTINGEN are no longer included

TRIESTE, AUGSBURG, & BLENHEIM are no longer included

FRANCFORT changed to FRANK-FORT

DANTZIC changed to DANTZIG

ZURIC changed to ZURIG

APPENSEL changed to APPENSAL

LEIPSIG changed to LEIPSIC

TRIPOLY changed to TRIPOLI

Special Characteristics of BRITISH Broadside (concluded)

CANADA is not listed under English possessions but under other control, indicating preparation of broadside prior to 1763 when CANADA became English

FLORIDA is not listed under English possessions but under other control, indicating preparation of broadside prior to 1763 when FLORIDA became English

Date of Tower Mint Assays not determinable from broadside

Capital A in "A" or "An" when used in front of the name of each coin

Printed hands as pointer are smaller than on the American broadside

Type font is different than the font used for the American Broadside

Fractions used for divisions of pence and not decimals in setting coin values

Special Characteristics of AMERICAN Broadside (concluded)

PRESTE added under AUSTRIA [No such place as PRESTE has been located and this may be a typographical error for TRIESTE]

WISMUR is misspelled from WISMAR

ZUZ is misspelled from ZUG

PETERSBURG changed to PETERSBURGH

MACOA spelling is changed from MEACO

More coins listed under HOL-LAND, RUSSIA, LIVONIA and SIAM than in British broadside

French coins do not include CENTIME, DECIME or FRANC which were introduced in 1795

Some French coins are changed in value from British broadside

SETTLEMENTS or COLONIES replaces the word DOMINIONS in the last line

English long s (*f*) is properly used, indicating preparation of broadside before 1799 when printed use of the long s was discontinued in the U. S.

MADRAS is spelled with one s instead of MADRASS

U. S. quarter eagles and quarter dollars were not struck until 1796 but were fully described in the April 2, 1792 Mint Act

French spelling of half disme and disme as provided under April 2, 1792 Act

No mention of U. S. legal tender or legal tender laws of 1793, 1795, etc.

Inclusion of copper coin indicates no legal tender matters were considered

Under ISLE OF MAN the penny is changed to imaginary even though its pennies were struck only in 1758

AN IMPORTANT NOTE CONCERNING THE BROADSIDE REPRODUCTIONS

To facilitate comparison of the broadsides, portions of both are reproduced on each side. Also, the final "AMERICA" section of the EUROPEAN broadside, entitled WEST-INDIES and CONTINENT, has been repositioned at the beginning.



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